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LETTER DATED 18 JANUARY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the decision of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics entitled "Military operations in the Persian Gulf and action taken by the Soviet Government".

I should be grateful if you would have this text circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yuliy VORONTSOV

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Annex

Decision of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

After having heard and reviewed the communication of Mr. A. A. Bessmertnykh, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, on the situation in the Persian Gulf, and deeply regretting that the crisis has taken a tragic turn and is in fact becoming a conflict of vast proportions, the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR decides:

1. To support the statement made by M. S. Gorbachev, President of the USSR, on the military operations in the Persian Gulf and the action taken in that regard by the Soviet Government.

2. To emphasize that it is necessary for the Government of the USSR, in keeping with the policy pursued by the Soviet Union in the Persian Gulf conflict, to keep the Supreme Soviet of the USSR regularly informed of developments in the Persian Gulf; and to communicate to the Cabinet the proposals and comments made by the people's deputies of the USSR during their consideration of the question.

3. To assign responsibility to the International Affairs Committee of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR for centralizing information on the question and communicating it to the people's deputies.

On behalf of the people's deputies of the USSR who represent the various parliamentary groups and associations, the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR appeals to the parliamentarians of all countries to use their influence and do everything possible to obtain the immediate cessation of military operations.

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR urgently requests the United Nations and its Secretary-General to renew initiatives aimed at resolving the crisis in the Persian Gulf and preventing it from spreading further.

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Chairman of the Supreme Soviet
of the USSR